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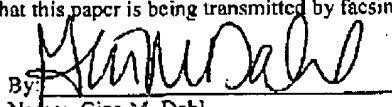
PATENT

S/N 09/837102

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	NOBUHARA ET AL.	Examiner:	BOYD
Serial No.:	09/837102	Group Art Unit:	1771
Filed:	APRIL 18, 2001	Docket No.:	13438.0009US01
Title:	FILTER CARTRIDGE AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME		

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.191, Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final rejection of claims 2, 3, 5-10, 14, 15, 19-24, 26, and 27 of the above-identified application, as set forth in the Office Action mailed May 18, 2006.

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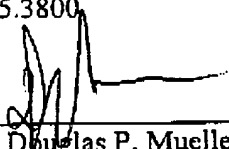
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